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Dear Sir,

On the 22nd April we sent two copies of the Patent Application (Control Number 09/926,681) amended in accordance to your comments stated in the Office communication (Art Unit 1651). Several amendments were done in the claims, and they were renumbered as follows.

New claims 1-11: maintained the same number, although some corrections were done in accordance to your comments;

New claim 12: gathers the content of claims 12, 13, and 14 of the former text;

New claim 13: former claim 15 (with some adjustments);

New claim 14: former claim 116 (with some adjustments).

So, claims 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 and 20 from the former text are cancelled in the amended text, and all claims were then rewritten, as suggested, to comply with the second paragraph of 35 USC 112.

Several new amendments were done in the copies that are being sent now, in order to comply with the new comments referred in your Office Communication on the 1st August. In particular, the **specification** was all reformatted, taking into account the guidelines described in your website (Patent Electronic Business Center). Also the abstract was rewritten following the instructions in MPEM (§ 608.01b).



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Thank you in advance for your attention, I remain,

Yours sincerely

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